

2024 Ascension Charity Classic

First-Round Notes

Friday, September 6, 2024

Norwood Hills Country Club – West Course | St. Louis, Missouri
21st of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 Season



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- **Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,865 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 70.538
- **Weather:** Mixed skies. Lower 80s with peak winds NNW gusting up to 25 mph.
- **Interviews:** [Transcripts](#)
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Pos.	Player	To Par	Score
1	Y.E. Yang	-6	65
T2	Boo Weekley	-5	66
T2	Ricardo Gonzalez	-5	66
T2	Kevin Sutherland	-5	66
T2	Angel Cabrera	-5	66
T2	Tim O'Neal	-5	66

Things to Know

- The Ascension Charity Classic is being contested for the fourth time, each time at Norwood Hills Country Club
- Defending champion **Steve Flesch** sits T34 (70/-1) and five back after the opening round
- Three of the four first-round co-leaders from last year's Ascension Charity Classic sit T2 or better on the leaderboard (**Y.E. Yang**/1st, **Kevin Sutherland**/T2, **Tim O'Neal**/T2); the other, **Billy Mayfair** sits T53.
- **Steven Alker**, at No. 3 the highest-ranked player in the Charles Schwab Cup standings, posts 3-over 74, tying his highest round this season (74/R3/2024 Kaulig Companies Championship)

Y.E. Yang – 34-31—65 (-6)

- South Korean birdies four of his last five holes to post 65, one stroke shy of his season-low 64 (R3/Kaulig Companies Championship)
- Holds the first-round lead/co-lead for the fourth time in his career on PGA TOUR Champions and for the second consecutive year at the Ascension Charity Classic; 0-for-3 in converting previous first-round leads/co-leads into victories
- Seeks his first PGA TOUR Champions title in his 72nd start; owns two runner-up results (2022 Ascension Charity Classic, 2024 Kaulig Companies Championship)
- Both his PGA TOUR victories came in 2009 – The Honda Classic and the PGA Championship, where he defeated Tiger Woods by three strokes
- Makes third appearance at the Ascension Charity Classic (2nd/2022, T3/2023); seven rounds at Norwood Hills Country Club: 68-66-66-64-66-70-65

Additional Notes

- After three rounds in the 70's en route to a T65 finish at this event last year, **Boo Weekley** opens with 5-under 66 , his fourth round of 66 or better this season, including two (65, 63) at last month's Rogers Charity Classic where he finished T10, his lone top-10 on PGA Tour Champions
- 2024 Trophy Hassan II winner **Ricardo Gonzalez** was one of four players with a bogey-free opening-round score (**Shane Bertsch, Chris DiMarco, Ken Tanigawa**)
- In his 200th PGA TOUR Champions start, **Kevin Sutherland** seeks his sixth PGA TOUR Champions title, but first since the 2021 Cologuard Classic
- Two-time PGA TOUR major champion **Angel Cabrera** looks to improve on his best PGA TOUR Champions result – T5 at the 2024 Senior Open Championship
- Ascension ambassador **Tim O'Neal** makes his third appearance at the Ascension Charity Classic (T33/2022, T8/2023); one of four players to make an eagle-2 at the 301-yard par-4 11th hole (**Ken Duke, Kirk Triplett, Michael Wright**)
- With a 3-under 68, 70-year-old St. Louis, Missouri native **Jay Haas** (T11) shoots his age or better for the 20th time on PGA TOUR Champions
- Monday qualifier and former University of Missouri golfer **Jason Schultz** sits T45 (71/E) in his fourth PGA TOUR Champions start, while St. Louis, Missouri native **Jay Delsing** sits T73 (76/+5)